

MERRIWA SCHOOLS' CAMPUS **67 BALTIMORE PARADE MERRIWA WA 6030**

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I AM RESPECTFUL

I AM POSITIVE

I AM FRIENDLY

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ASSEMBLY Room 15 24th March



Breakfast Club Mon, Tue, Wed Thurs & Fri

> From 8am Volunteers are needed!

Parent Interviews

Wednesday 22nd March Early close 11.30am

Pizza Lunch

24th March

School Banking Every Wednesday 8.00 a.m. in the Library

Our Website 4 Phone App

www.merriwaps.wa. edu.au

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

EARLY CLOSE FOR INTERIM REPORTS WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2017 11.30 A.M.

We apologise for the late notice. This has been unavoidable this year, due to an unavoidable delay in obtaining official approval from the Department of Education.

Every year we close the school early for Interim Reports. This means that the children finish school at 11.30 a.m. and you can make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher about your child's progress so far this term.

Appointments are from 12.00 until 5.00 p.m. ten minutes, and you can make an appointment at the front office.

If you have a complex issue that needs a longer time slot, please let the office staff know, so that they can book a longer appointment for you.

Children are welcome to attend the appointment with you, but there will be no supervision for children who have been released into your care for the day. Children are not to be on the school grounds without direct supervision of parents.

If you are unable to collect your children at 11.30 a.m., please let the office know, and arrangements can be made for your child to be supervised.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your child with the teacher and we look forward to seeing you.

P and C Update

We are so grateful to our P and C who tirelessly work to improve our school facilities. We now have three playground shade sails due to their hard work, and are now working towards an overhead projector in the undercover area. At the recent AGM we sincerely thanked all our office bearers, and welcomed new members and executive.

President: Erika Hanekom Treasurer: Danielle Vanstyn Secretary: Danise Gluskie.

Executive Committee: Sherryn Reynolds, Alison Carter, Dave and Melissa Ahlquist, Rita and Rick Heta.

Walking School Bus

This was scheduled for term one. However, it has been moved to 19th May so that we can participate in the National Walk Safely to School Day. More details will follow closer to the date.

Kind regards

Mrs Sue Waterhouse, Principal

Merriwa ESC News....

The students participated in their final cricket clinic this week. We are so grateful to WA Cricket Association for facilitating the program to teach basic skills to our students. We eagerly await the opportunity to play against other Education Support Centres in the near future.

Our students enjoyed the Kaboom Percussion workshop on Monday and the teachers have new ideas to try in classroom activities. What a wonderful performance.

The school will be having an <u>early close next week on Wednesday 22nd March</u> so that parent/carer/teacher interviews can be organised. Students will be released at 11.30am and interview times can be booked from 12pm. Please make arrangements with the office to schedule your appointment time.

It has been wonderful to welcome a growing number of families who are attending our School Readiness program on Thursday mornings. This program is facilitated by Mrs Gore for 2 and 3 year olds who have a disability. The children are engaged in varied activities which will assist them once they transition to formal schooling.

Please continue to use the communication book for daily contact with your child's class. This has proven to be a quite efficient method to communicate, particularly if you are not able to meet with the teacher regularly. We have also created the opportunity to access Class DoJo for direct communication to teachers and admin staff. Please download the app if you have not already done so. Your classroom teacher has more information about this.

It is very important that the school is contacted if your child is away. A phone call or a note in the communication book allows us to comply with the Department requirements. It is essential to provide proof of absence if your child is not at school for more than two days.

Karen Macri Principal ESC



Yr	Rm	Student	Yr	Rm	Student
PP	1	Leah Tarawa, Deegan Haywood	3	12	Sophie Williams, Kato Mackie
PP	2	Malakai Rouvi, Nyalia Ruot	2	13	Tuhoe Lingman, Tesloach Thichiot
PP	3	Anameja Orzechowski, Bonni Phillips	4/5	15	Korbin Mynard, Tia Cox
1	6	Hadia Yezderi, Eli Gleeson	5/6	16	Aryelle Monaghan, Shaun Hammond
1	7	Josh Collard, Jade Winsor	5/6	17	Ella Hawley, Taj Morton
3	9	Ruby Scott, Connor Robertson	5/6	18	Charlie Williams, Luke Denver
1	10	Travis Cudby, Charli Lloyd	4	19	Brendan Yarran, Hayden Jackson
2	11	Pippa Spencer, Mary Wantee	3	21	Malakie Chavez, Saleisha Petersen-Tokona
	ESC	Aiden Lee, Mikenzee Poole, Josiah Pieterien, Shaun Marcial	4	22	Chantellee Hanekom, Thida Chau

ROOM 12

The children have been learning about story telling in the form of aboriginal dot painting. They learnt that different aboriginal symbols are used in dot painting to represent stories. The students learnt that aboriginal art varies from region to region but many pieces suggest a strong connection to the land and an appreciation for native animals. Many art pieces tell us dreamtime stories that have been passed down through the generations.

The children learnt about the significance of Welcome to Country for our assembly and they created their own aboriginal style tortoise with dot painting technique.

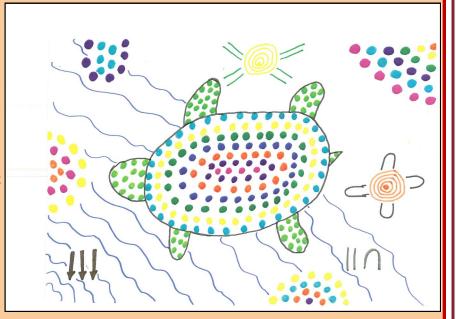
The children chose bright colours to complete the ovals of dots.

They continued dotting new circles until they got to the centre of the circle. Then they used a single colour for the legs, tail and head.

They added some common aboriginal art dot painting symbols to tell a story.

Mrs Barr

Room 12 Teacher



Updat-ed

Download your Merriwa PS and ESC app

Why? You can find out dates, events, forms and information about our schools! We're very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more convenient to download the app. Just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google play for Androids.

Search for updat-ed and from the menu select our school.

We'll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

It's FREE

SAVER PLUS

8 families from Merriwa Primary School have earned \$500 each with this program last year. It is a great opportunity to earn some money for the end of the year. What do you do? See below.....



Would \$500 assist you with education costs?

Would you like to build on your money management skills?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to \$500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition. Gain some new skills too.

To be eligible you must:

- have a child at school AND
- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card AND
- have some form of income from work, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603

KABOOM INCURSION



VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to the parents who have already paid their Voluntary Contributions. Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the school office.

Merriwa Primary School BSB Number—016 246 Account Number—340918248

> Kindy—Year 6—\$40 One Child—\$40.00 Two Children \$80.00

Three or more children—\$120.00

Pay your Voluntary Contributions before the end of term and go into the draw for two people to win a \$30.00 Lowes Voucher each.

PLAYGROUP MERRIWA PRIMARY SCHOOL

0 - 3 year olds

Come along to Merriwa Playgroup every Friday between 8.45am and 11am

Where: Room 5

Please bring some fruit or morning tea for us to share.

Look forward to seeing you there.